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College Application Week expanded to 57 Missouri high schools in 2014

Program seeks to improve access to higher education

A new program aimed at increasing access to higher education will assist students at 57 Missouri high schools with the college application process. Missouri College Application Week, sponsored by the Department of Higher Education, is set for Oct. 20-24.

Volunteers with college advising and admissions experience will work one-on-one with students to help them complete applications for higher education institutions they are interested in attending. The goal of the program is to increase the number of applications submitted by Missouri students – especially low-income students and those who would be the first in their families to attend college.

“During College Application Week the spotlight is on helping students who aspire to go to college but are intimidated by the application process or feel overwhelmed by the choices available to them,” said David Russell, Missouri commissioner of higher education. “The program also helps students better understand the benefits of higher education and the importance of making college plans now.”

The expanded program follows a successful pilot project at 26 high schools in 2013. More than 2,000 students submitted approximately 3,600 applications to 259 higher education institutions. Organizers hope to double those numbers this year.

Participating high schools provide time and resources during the school day for all seniors interested in completing college applications. In addition, many of the high schools host assemblies and offer individual college advising to provide students with information about higher education opportunities.

“By 2018, approximately 60 percent of all jobs in Missouri will require some form of postsecondary education,” Russell said. “Currently only about 46 percent of working age Missourians have a college degree or certificate. We want that number to be closer to 60 percent by 2025 to ensure that our state has the educated workforce needed to sustain a strong economy.”

For more information about Missouri College Application Week, visit dhe.mo.gov/ppc/students/CollegeApplicationWeek.php.

High schools participating in Missouri College Application Week include:

Central Missouri:

Eldon High School
Moberly High School
Warrensburg High School

Kansas City area:

African-Centered Prep Academy
Center High School
Central Academy of Excellence
East High School
Fort Osage High School
North Kansas City High School
Northeast High School
Paseo Academy
Raytown High School
Raytown South High School
Ruskin Senior High School
Southwest Early College Campus
Van Horn High School
Winnetonka High School

Northeast Missouri:

South Shelby High School, Shelby

South Central Missouri:

Dixon High School
Lebanon High School
Rolla High School
Salem High School
St. Clair High School
St. James High School
Sullivan High School
West Plains High School

Southeast Missouri:

Cape Girardeau Central High
Caruthersville High School
Central High School, New Madrid
Charleston High School
Dexter High School
Hayti High School

Jackson Senior High School
Kennett High School
Malden High School
Poplar Bluff High School
Potosi High School
Scott County Central High School
Senath-Hornersville Senior High School
Sikeston Senior High School
South Iron R-I High School

Southwest Missouri

Hillcrest High School, Springfield
Parkview High School, Springfield

St. Louis area:

Bayless High School
Carnahan School of the Future
Gateway STEM High School
Hancock High School
Hazelwood East High School
Jennings High School
McCluer High School
McCluer South-Berkeley High School
Normandy High School
Pattonville High School
Ritenour High School
Riverview Gardens High School
Roosevelt High School
Soldan International Studies

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